

MINUTES

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

The Board of Centre County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2016 at 10:00 PM. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Pipe, Chair; Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair; Steven G. Dershem; Denise L. Elbell, Acting County Administrator; Natalie Corman, Deputy County Administrator/Human Services Administrator; Elizabeth Dupuis, County Solicitor; and Executive Secretary Kimberly C. Smeltzer.

Representatives present from the news media included Jerry Fisher, Jeremy Hartley, Gary Sinderson, and Mallory Lane.

County Personnel present included Krista Davis, Kevin Rimmey, Laura Kurtz, Joe Davidson, Denny Nau and Jody Althouse.

C-NET staff included Cynthia Hahn and Stephanie Yager

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Commissioner Pipe.

1. -- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DERSHEM to approve the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting held Tuesday, December 29, 2015. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pipe and unanimously approved
- 2.-- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to adopt Proclamation No. 1 of 2016 proclaiming January 2016 as “***Stalking Awareness Month***” in Centre County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

Jody Althouse provided background information on the above referenced item.

PROCLAMATION NO 1 OF 2016

WHEREAS, in every State across our Nation, stalking is a crime; and

WHEREAS, stalking is unacceptable behavior that violates the most basic principles of respect and decency, infringing on our fundamental right to feel safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, at some point in their lives, 1 in 6 American women will be stalked; and

WHEREAS, while young women are disproportionately at risk, anyone can be a victim, including children and men; and

WHEREAS, stalking is a pattern of unwanted contact -- which can include text messages, emails, and phone calls -- that causes an individual to fear for their safety or the safety of loved ones; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are stalked often know the perpetrator, but stalkers can also be acquaintances or strangers; and

WHEREAS, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Women's Resource Center is urging Centre County residents to recognize the signs of stalking, acknowledge stalking as a serious crime, and urges those affected by stalking not to be afraid to speak out or ask for help.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim January 2016 as "***Stalking Awareness Month***" in Centre County and extend our support to all those who have experienced stalking, and strive to create a community that is secure and supportive for all Centre County residents.

ADOPTED this 5th day of January 2016

- 3.-- COMMISSIONER HIGGINS acknowledged the closing on the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notice in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. Commissioner Dershem seconded the acknowledgement and was unanimously approved. The Board signed all the necessary documents at the meeting. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to create and adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2016 authorizing the acknowledgement of Resolution No. 9 of 2015 adopted December 22, 2015 for the issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in the maximum amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

Laura Kurtz and Kevin Rimmey were present to provide background information on the above referenced item.

- 4.-- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to approve a Fee Agreement between the County and ***Law Offices of Miller Kistler & Campbell*** to provide professional services to the *Tax Assessment Office* at a rate of \$140 per hour. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved – Dept. 121.
- 5.-- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to approve a Fee Agreement between the County and ***Law Offices of Miller Kistler & Campbell*** to provide professional services to the *Tax Claim Bureau* at a rate of \$140 per hour. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved – Dept. 123.
- 6.-- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to renew a contract between the County and ***Dr. Kasandra Botti, DO*** to provide medical oversight to purchase, implement, and monitor an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program. The contract total is \$300 for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved – Dept. 112.

Krista Davis provided background information on the above referenced item.

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- 7.-- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to approve the **CNET Policy** on Reuse of CNET Copyrighted Programming. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.
- 8.-- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to approve a check run dated December 30, 2015 in the amount of **\$108,674.94**. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.
- 9.-- COMMISSIONER DERSHEM REPORTED there are currently 107,537 registered voters in Centre County.
- 10.-- DENISE ELBELL ANNOUNCED there were no Executive Sessions.
- 11.-- OTHER ITEMS on the Agenda were as follows:
- **Tuesday, January 5, 2016**
Board of Commissioners – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB
- **Wednesday, January 6, 2016**
Bellefonte Inter-Valley Chamber of Business Board Meeting – Train Station – 7:30 AM
- **Thursday, January 7, 2016**
CANCELLED - Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB
- **Friday, January 8, 2016**
C-NET Strategic Planning Committee – Schlow Library – 9:00 AM
Central Counties Youth Center Board Meeting – 10:00 AM – Youth Center
- 12.-- MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 AM. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dershem and unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

Denise L. Elbell, Acting Administrator

** An audio recording of the Commissioner's meeting can be accessed in the Commissioner's Office